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1. DEPARTMENT IS FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARD CONCLUDING BI-LATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT WITH FRG IF SUFFICIENT AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST CAN BE IDENTIFIED. IN INTEREST OF SIMPLICITY AND EASE OF COORDINATION, WE BELIEVE THAT IN INITIAL STAGES SUCH AGREEMENT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON, IF NOT BE LIMITED TO, SUBJECTS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. ONCE AGREEMENT SIGNED AND PROJECTS UNDERWAY, POSSIBLE TO ADD NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION INVOLVING OTHER AGENCIES.

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2. EPA HAS DRAWN UP GENERAL LIST OF SUBJECTS SET OUT BELOW IN WHICH THEY HAVE INTEREST IN COLLABORATING WITH FRG. SCIATT SHOULD USE LIST AS BASIS FOR EXPLORING WITH MININTERIOR OFFICIALS AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST WITH EPA, ADDING AND DELETING SUBJECTS TO FIT THEIR NEEDS. IF MUTUAL INTEREST BROAD ENOUGH TO WARRANT PROCEEDING WITH DEVELOPMENT OF AGREEMENT, WE WILL PROVIDE DRAFT TEXT REFLECTING MOST OF POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL.
3. OUR MINDS OPEN ON QUESTION OF WHO SIGNS AGREEMENT. WE ARE AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO SIGNING DURING GENSCHER'S VISIT IF ALL DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT BY THEN. HAVE FIRM DATES FOR VISIT BEEN SET?
4. DEPT. CONCURS WITH PARA. 4 REFTEL THAT ONE PROGRAM COORDINATOR ON EACH SIDE WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE ADMINISTRATION IN INITIAL STAGES OF AGREEMENT AND WISHES TO AVOID ELABORATE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF US-USSR AGREEMENT. IF STRONG BASIS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION EXISTS, PROJECTS WILL CARRY THEMSELVES WITHOUT HAVING TO BE GENERATED OR SUSTAINED BY COORDINATING COMMITTEE.
5. EMB. WAS WHOLLY CORRECT IN ADVISING FRG (PARA. 5 REFTEL) THAT BILATERAL AGREEMENT SHOULD COVER NOT ONLY EXCHANGE AND COLLABORATION ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BUT, OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE, COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH ECONOMIC ASPECTS THEREOF, INCLUDING HARMONIZATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN HEALTH EFFECTS CRITERIA, ACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AND INFORMATION ON AND USE OF BEST AVAILABLE POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNOLOGY. SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD REINFORCE COMMITMENT BOTH SIDES HAVE MADE IN OECD.
6. FRG SUGGESTED LIST OF AREAS OF COOPERATION, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS, (PARA 2 REFTEL) CAN BE FULLY ACCOMMODATED WITHIN AGREEMENT WE ENVISAGE. MININT REPS SHOULD INDICATE THEIR PRIORITIES FOR COOPERATION AMONG THE SUBJECTS IN FOLLOWING LIST, AND NOTE SUBJECTS WHICH THEY WOULD ADD.

7. EPA'S SUGGESTED LIST OF POTENTIAL COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS:

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- WATER POLLUTION, INCLUDING
 - CRITERIA FOR CONTROL OF TOXIC POLLUTANTS, OCEAN DISCHARGES AND DUMPING, OIL, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS;
 - DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS, BOTH MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL;
 - NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL, INCLUDING AGRICUL-

TURAL PRACTICES, ANIMAL FEEDLOTS, LOGGING, AND RURAL SANITATION;

- DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA FOR DRINKING WATER STANDARDS;
- INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGES, INCLUDING PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC BASES FOR STANDARDS, DEFINITION OF CONTROL PARAMETERS FOR

INDUSTRIAL WASTE CATEGORIES, TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY, EFFLUENT LEVELS ESTABLISHMENT, AND THE GENERAL PHILOSOPHY OF OBTAINING INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION ABATEMENT; AND

- SLUDGE DISPOSAL, INCLUDING FILTRATION METHODS (PRESSURE, BELT, VACUUM), PASTEURIZATION, PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL SLUDGES, AND LAND DISPOSAL AND OTHER FORMS OF UTILIZATION.

AIR POLLUTION, INCLUDING

- CONTROL TECHNOLOGY FOR STATIONARY AND MOBILE SOURCES;
- DEVELOPMENT OF AIR QUALITY CRITERIA AND INDICES;
- MODELING;
- DEVELOPMENT OF ASSESSMENT CRITERIA, TECHNIQUES, AND INSTRUMENTATION (INCLUDING HARDWARE, PLANNING, AND EPISODE CONTROL).
- DEVELOPMENT OF LOW POLLUTION POWER SYSTEMS.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY, INCLUDING

- DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES;
 - RESOURCE RECOVERY SYSTEMS, INCLUDING ENERGY RECOVERY FROM INCINERATION;
 - CENTRALIZED COLLECTION SYSTEMS (PARTICULARLY PNEUMATIC); AND
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-COMPACTION, MILLING, AND GAS AND LEACHATE CONTROL FOR SANITARY LANDFILLS.

NOISE CONTROL, INCLUDING

- MEASUREMENT OF TRAFFIC NOISE, PARTICULARLY METHODOLOGIES;
- EXPERIENCE WITH TRAFFIC RESTRICTION TECHNIQUES FOR NOISE ABATEMENT;
- ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT OF QUIETER TRUCKS AND BUSES; AND
- COMPARATIVE EXPERIENCE WITH EFFECTIVENESS OF REGULATIONS.

AGRICULTURAL RUNOFF AND PESTICIDES CONTROL.

HEALTH, BIOLOGICAL AND GENETIC EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL

DEGRADATION.

RESEARCH AND MONITORING, INCLUDING

- TRANSPORTATION AND FATE OF POLLUTANTS;

- DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF POLLUTION MONITORING

AND CONTROL TECHNIQUES; AND

- EFFECTS OF POLLUTION ON HEALTH AND ECOSYSTEMS.

OTHER AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT,
AS AGREED. ROGERS

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